



*Secure Technology Advancing Treatment*

## Application of SmartCard / Biometrics Technology for Health Logistics & Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART)

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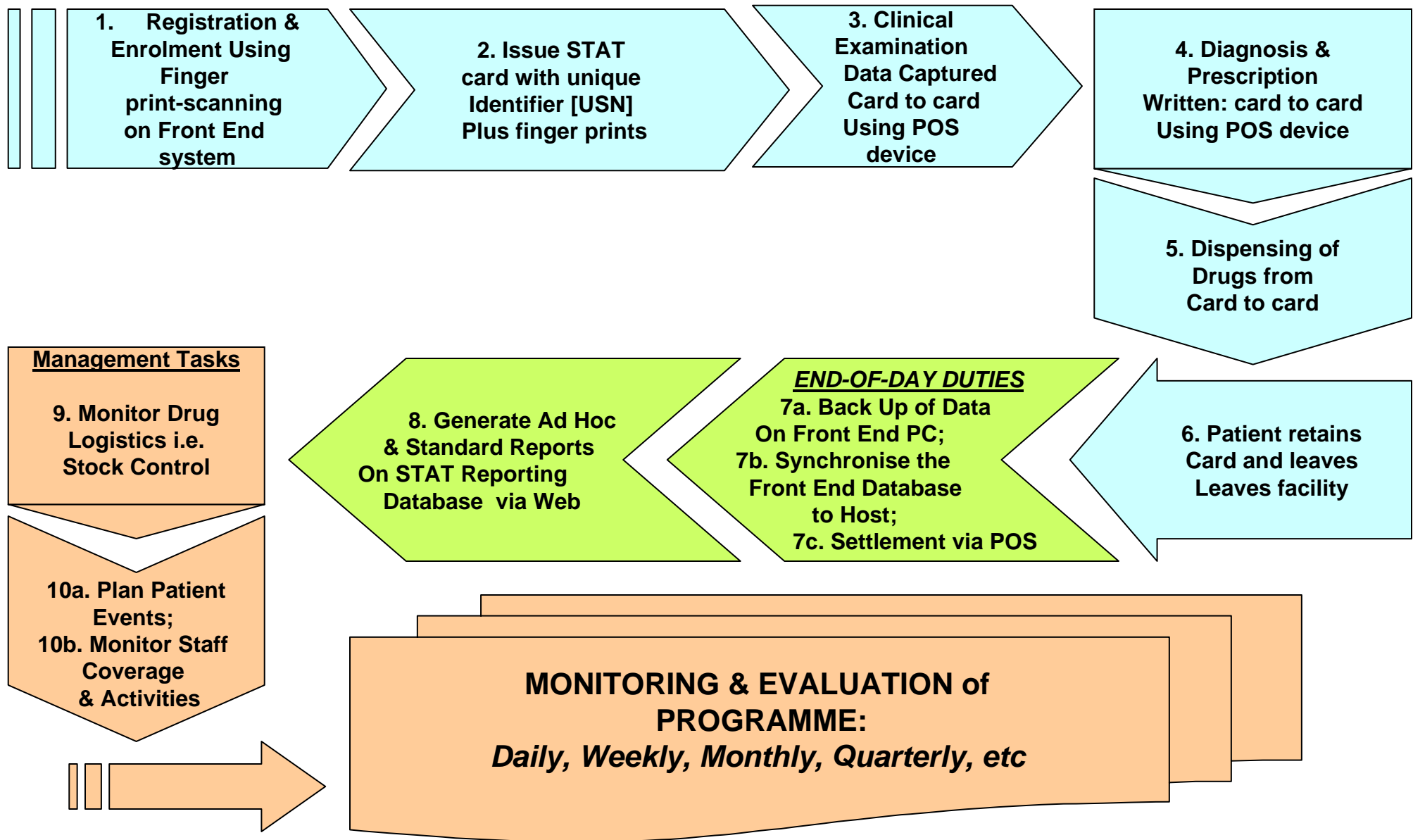


# The HIV and AIDS Comprehensive Plan for Care, Treatment and Support (launched Nov 2003)

**JSI requested by NDOH HIV/AIDS Chief Director  
to survey systems available in South Africa  
that can help with the ARV roll-out,  
especially in terms of Logistics,  
Patient Information Systems  
and Program Monitoring**



# Patient Information Data: Flow Diagram for ART Treatment





Registering patients  
Literally under a tree;

Treating & serving  
patients at home in  
outreach setting



Innovative use of Toolboxes  
and Technology to get valuable  
Medicine & treatment in resource  
Limited settings



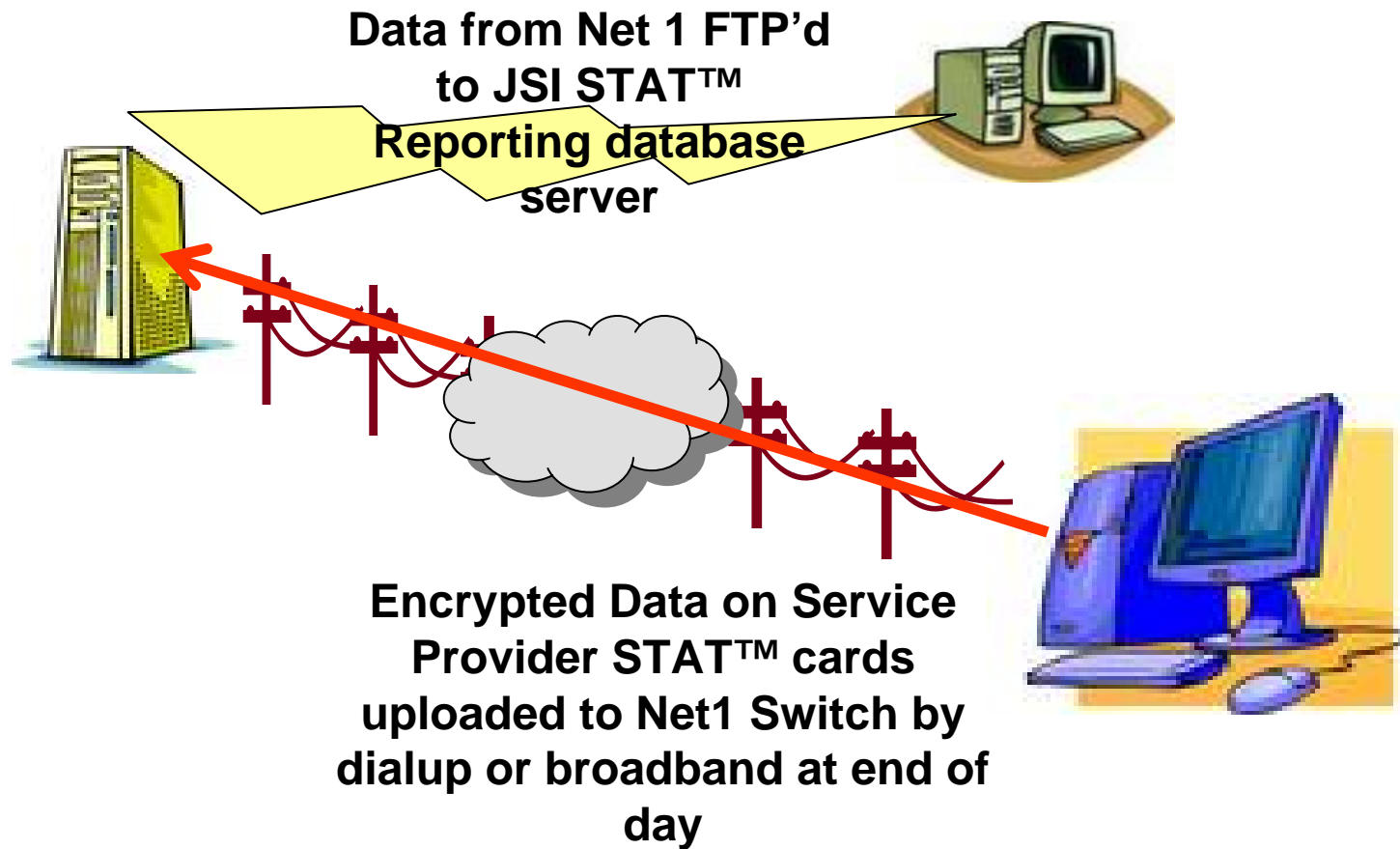


# SmartCard/Biometrics Readers



- Portable, rechargeable battery operated card readers;
- Patient and provider cards inserted in card reader;
- Built-in fingerprint scanner;
- LED screen to guide provider through treatment protocol;
- Numeric keypad for data entry.

# Data Batch Upload to STAT Reporting Database



### ART inventory control, security, & data management:

Incoming drugs entered on pharmacist's STAT™ card and deducted from inventory on hand as drugs dispensed to patients;

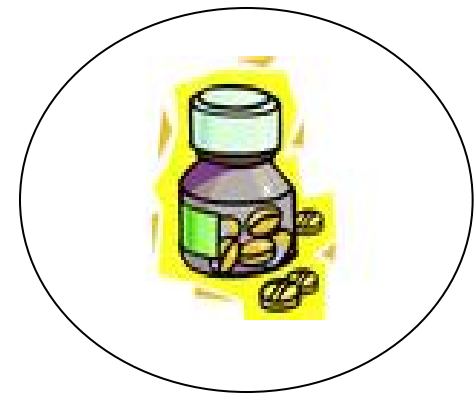
ARV stock status uploaded daily to national STAT™ database;

When used correctly, precise consumption data generated to enable accurate forecasting;

Supervisors can check physical inventories against up-to-date stock status data.

### Electricity/phone line availability:

- Card readers use rechargeable batteries, no electricity required during home visits;
- Battery pack allows est. 320 patient interactions/single charge;
- Patient visits at ART centers can continue during power outages;
- No need for constant online connection – dialup and upload at end of day only.





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## Patients due for CD4 Count Tests

**Facility** CRS SIZANANI

**From** 20 Jul 2005

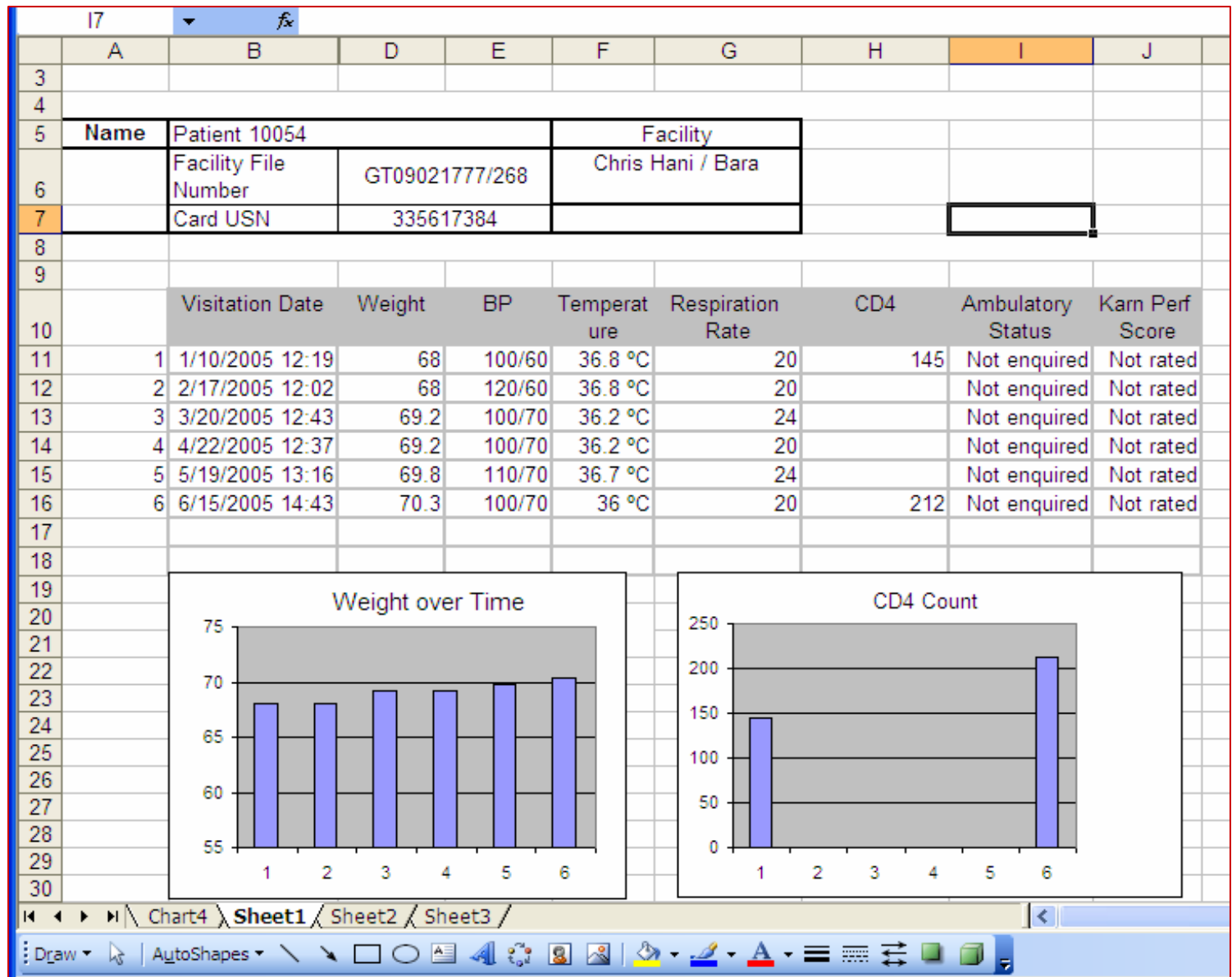
**To** 30 Aug 2005

#	Facility File Number	Last Test Date	Test Due Date	Last Test Result
1	A37405	5 Feb 2005	5 Aug 2005	105
2	A35405	28 Feb 2005	28 Aug 2005	75
3	A27305	31 Jan 2005	31 Jul 2005	129
4	A28805	7 Feb 2005	7 Aug 2005	172
5	A11204	14 Feb 2005	14 Aug 2005	264
6	A26805	24 Jan 2005	24 Jul 2005	122
7	A31905	23 Feb 2005	23 Aug 2005	246
8	A327	21 Feb 2005	21 Aug 2005	81
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As a Planning Tool,  
Routine Reports may  
be generated to help  
Clinicians plan  
Resources, whether HR  
Lab, staff for the day, etc



Portable Data:  
Snapshot Review  
Per patient over  
Period of treatment



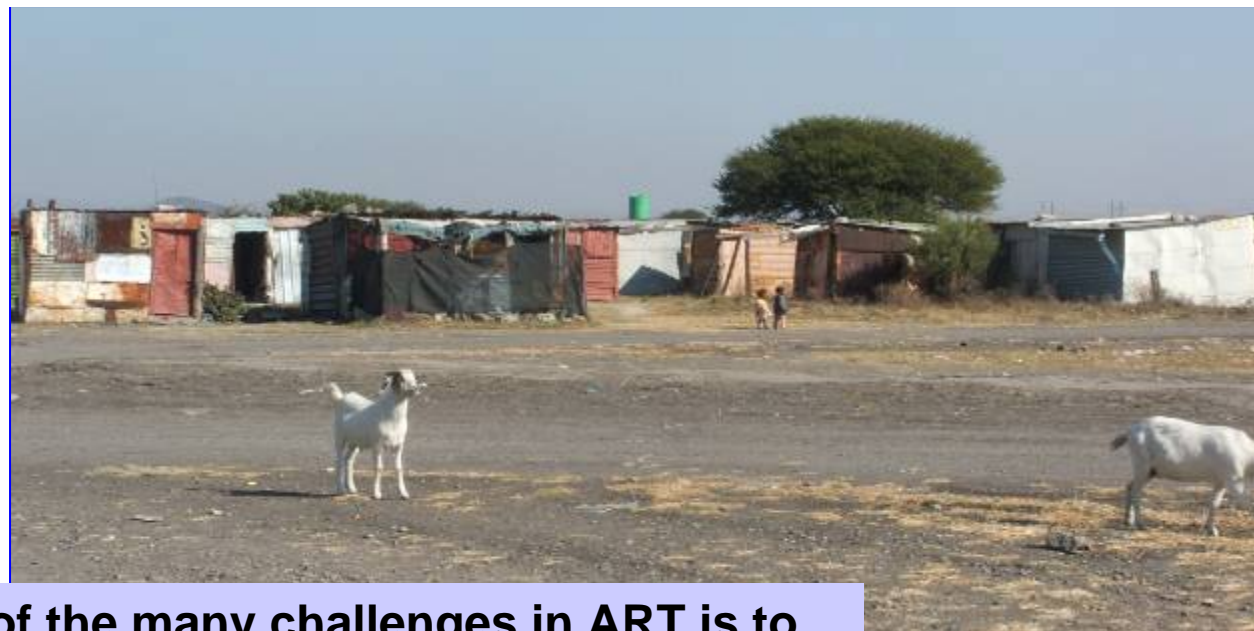
## Accomplishments to Date:

1. Starting JUL-05, installed at 4 CRS 'primary' sites, and 10 'secondary' sites:  
Sizanani-Bronkhorstspuit, Tapologo-Rustenburg, St Francis-Boksburg,  
St Anne's-Marianhill;
2. Installed at Chris Hani/Baragwaneth in the N'Doro Project - Palliative Care unit  
This will also be the site where the TB module will be field tested in co-operation with  
NDOH TB directorate and the GP provinces' Region10 TB district
3. Installed recently at ODI hospital, working with FPD, who manages a number of  
ART sites for various hospitals and clinics

At November 2005:

- Total of 1206 ART patients enrolled on STAT;
- Sites are to introduce Care and Support patients as well





**One of the many challenges in ART is to make systems available to healthworkers in extremely resource limited settings**

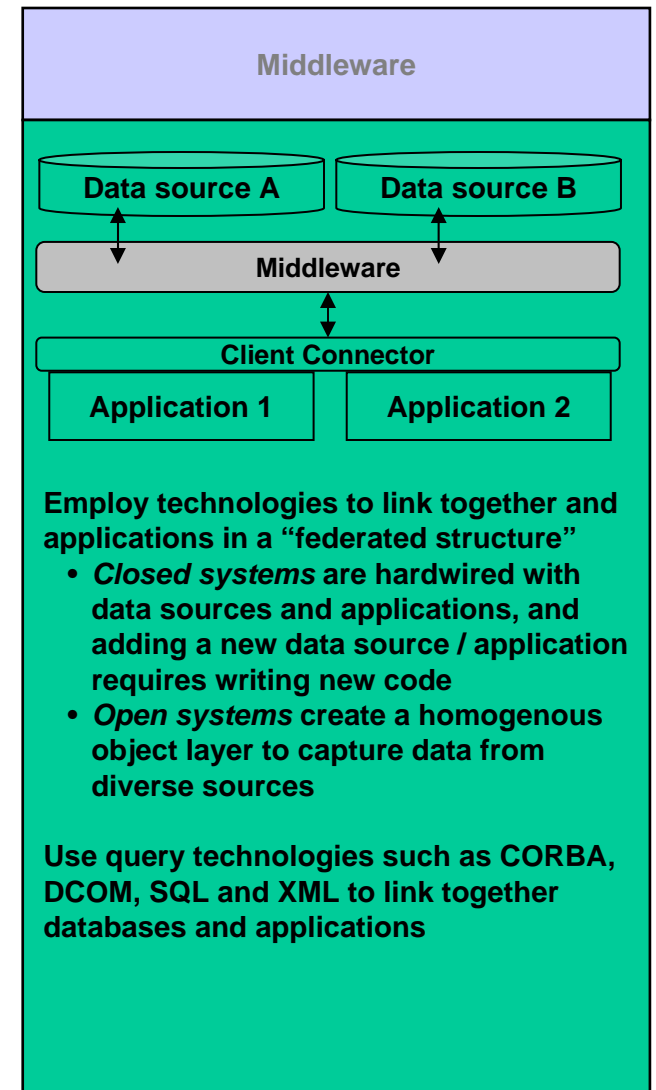
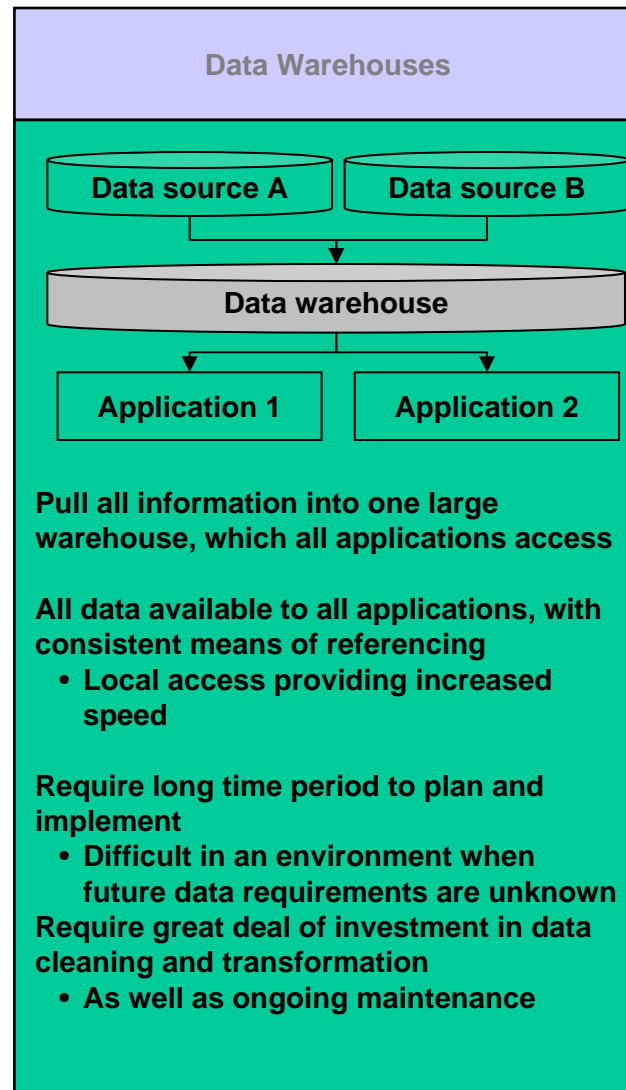
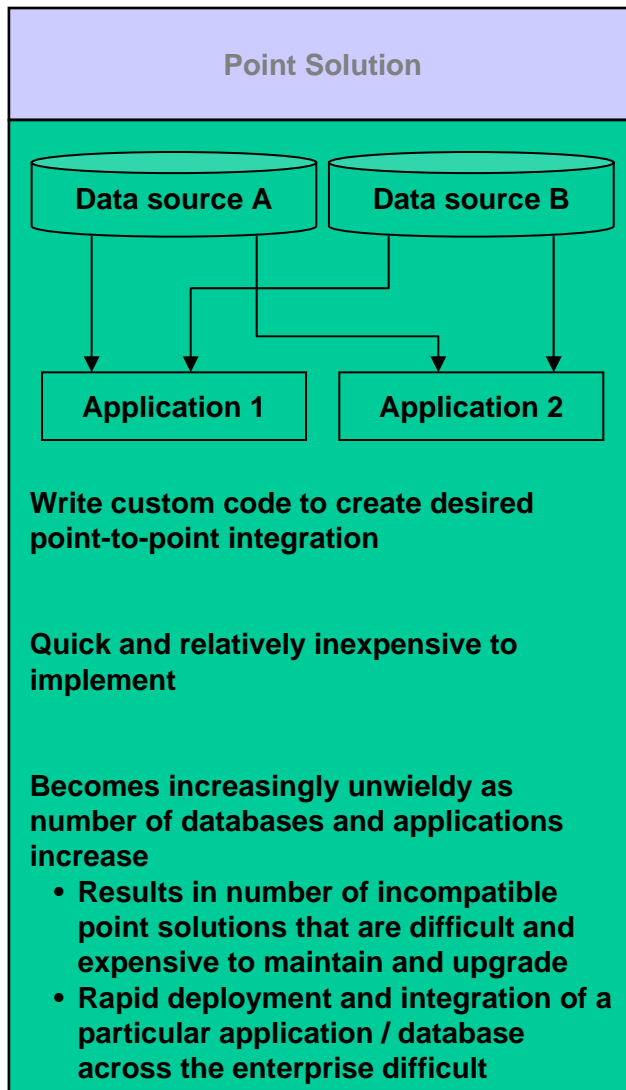


## Challenges:

1. Sites need a lot of initial assistance moving from a paper-based culture of operation to electronic recording modes of gathering information.
2. Data capture & data capturing is not always part of the M&E culture of the sites, making reporting a difficult task.
3. JSI's initial 'free services' not always understood as future payable services by the client: Hardware procurement and NET1's monthly per-patient fee for data transmission
4. Sustainability questions from clients: what happens when PEPFAR no longer pays?
5. Lack of understanding the 'need for strategic information' versus site level deliverables
6. Improvements in communication with all partners – upstream and downstream
7. Requests for providing 'non-core' services and duties
8. Software development time and need for very high levels of securitization/confidentiality
9. Integration of systems: The need for 'Middleware' to span the systems-divide



# THREE BASIC TECHNIQUES TO INTEGRATE DATA







**Ongoing  
Collaboration  
with Public  
Sector  
authorities**



**Gauteng MEC of Health  
interacting with  
Sizanani /St Joseph Care  
Center staff and patient**





*“Accountability should drive us daily,  
& Information must become our friend”*

Thank you !

